



Shulamit Aloni of the ORT speaks into her microphone during yesterday's Knesset reading of the abortion bill. Voting on the bill was put off. Foreground, Mrs. Shalom Lerman (Aguda) and Zerah Warhaftig (NRP), turning to look at Mrs. Aloni. Others left to right are Dov Zakai (Mapam), Hillel Seidel (ILP) and Kalman Kahane (Aguda). (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Vote on abortion put off

By AARON SITTNER, Post Knesset Reporter

Last-minute parliamentary maneuvering prevented a Knesset vote on the controversial abortion bill last night after five hours of debate — and frequently bitter exchanges.

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## Vance to Mideast February 14 to 21

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The White House yesterday officially announced that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will visit Israel and five Arab states from February 14 to 21.

Presidential spokesman Jody Powell added that President Carter "believes it is essential to have a first-hand understanding of the views of Middle East leaders at the earliest possible time as the Administration considers how it can most effectively contribute to the peace process."

## Labour plank offers land for peace with Jordan

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Labour Party's senior leadership in and out of Government yesterday drafted a resolution expressing readiness to cede territory in Judea and Samaria for peace.

The draft resolution was unanimously approved in the sub-committee preparing the political plank for the February convention.

## Knesset debate on budget limps along

Post Knesset Reporter

The debate on the 1977 budget pattered along in a desultory manner yesterday with no sense of urgency. Only two MKs spoke.

Mapam's Aharon Eliaz said his party could not back a budget which entailed the threat of unemployment.

## Sakharov warned by prosecutor

MOSCOW. — A Soviet prosecuting official told Andrei Sakharov yesterday he was "criminally punishable" for publicly stating this month that Soviet authorities may have been involved in the explosion in the Moscow subway, Tass reported.

## South Lebanon free of Syrians

Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Southern Lebanon, bordering on Israel, appeared to have remained clear of Syrian troops by late last night in contrast to earlier reports they had moved south. Reports from southern Lebanon indicated that the Syrians have nevertheless dispatched patrols into the area, apparently in pursuit of Palestinian forces which were locked in several clashes with local Christian militias in the past few days.

As a force carrying out the mission of Arab peacekeeping troops, however, the Syrians were reported to have kept away from the Litani River, set by Israel as a "red line" limit beyond which it would not tolerate the stationing of non-Lebanese troops.

The Syrians were earlier reported to have dispatched a sizable force supported by halftracks to the southern town of Nabatiye — which is above the Litani River limit. There was no confirmation to reports which said that the Syrians had crossed the river south to the port town of Tyre.

Information from Beirut implied that the force sent to Tyre consisted of a Lebanese police force seeking to take over authority from a disintegrating alliance between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Lebanese leftists.

The dispatch of Syrian reinforcements into Nabatiye and Lebanese police into Tyre followed reports of recurrent attempts by PLO forces to return to southern Lebanon. The area had been declared off limits to the PLO by both the Lebanese authorities and the Syrian-dominated Arab League peace force which imposed an end to Lebanon's 20-month civil war.

Israel was in any case closely watching developments in southern Lebanon, particularly the depth of advance by Syrian troops, and their intentions.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday reiterated that Israel would not tolerate any Arab threat to its northern border. He said that Israel would continue to insist on the "red line" limit set for any non-Lebanese Arab movement in southern Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters during a visit to Kalla at the northern tip of the Dead Sea, the Defence Minister emphasized that the situation there was still being studied. He added that the Government would draw the necessary conclusions only when all reports are verified.

The Defence Minister had earlier yesterday reported to the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee on Syrian movements in southern Lebanon.

The IDF on its part issued no clear statement on southern Lebanese developments, but noted that reports of Syrian movements were being examined. The army made clear that it ordered no redeployments nor had it introduced any new measures beyond the alert on the northern border about two months ago.

## Jordan resumes funds to West Bank in Feb.

By ANAN SAFADI, Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Jordan will next month resume channelling large-scale subsidies to municipal councils in the West Bank where a majority of residents have sounded recent calls for reunion with King Hussein. Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Arab states are expected to contribute to the fund, which is estimated at \$30m. for this year.

Two-thirds of the Jordanian subsidies will go to West Bank city councils while the rest will be divided between village councils and religious, welfare and cultural institutions. This in addition to a \$300,000 bill which Jordan never stopped paying in salaries to some 6,000 former Jordanian Government officials living in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Regional observers viewed the Jordanians as buying their way back into the allegiance of West Bank residents, whose recent inclination for a reunion with Amman forced the Palestine Liberation Organization to reconciliation and subsequent cooperation with the Jordanian monarch.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij yesterday said that the PLO had no choice but "to bow" to West Bank pressure for the revival of a reunion with Amman. He added that the re-establishment of close links between the West Bank and Jordan was "a must and imperative."

Freij and other West Bank mayors will go to Amman soon, on the heels of the influential former Lebanon Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, who has just returned from a visit to Amman. Ja'abari will today confer in Jerusalem with Prime Minister Rabin and deliver a report, whose theme was understood to be the assertion of a renewed association between Jordan and the West Bank.

All this comes in contrast to the October 1974 Rabat summit following which Hussein proclaimed the West Bank was not his responsibility. Arab leaders at the time decreed that the area was the exclusive concern of the PLO in its capacity as the "sole representative of the Palestinian people."

Observers nevertheless cautioned that Hussein has not revoked the Rabat resolution, which in essence has called for the promotion of a Palestinian entity on the West Bank. Noting that Jordan remains the most "Palestinian" of Arab states, the observers said that Hussein still acknowledged the necessity for developing a Palestinian entity while seeking to ensure that he has a sporting chance to keep his kingdom's Jordanian entity intact.

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The Jordanians have imbued the West Bank with a good deal of confidence that the new Carter Administration in Washington — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is visiting the region next month — will initiate a movement regarding the West Bank. The feeling is that there is now someone to talk to, with Hussein's re-entry into the West Bank picture.

But the Jordanians are alert to the difficulties of what to talk about. They often stress that they would not settle for less than total Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Jerusalem — which is rejected by Israel.

It is within this context that the Jordanians occasionally warn against possible renewed hostilities and say they are consolidating their military strength, particularly in coordination with Syria. Jordan's 80,000-strong army, which has been transformed into a highly mobile force, is expected to become the most modern and best-trained in the Arab world by next year.

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## Egypt getting \$990m. aid

CAIRO. — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has agreed to loan Egypt \$140m. this year to help reduce its balance of payments deficit. "Al-Ahram" reported yesterday. There was no confirmation of the report from an IMF delegation now visiting Cairo.

"Al-Ahram" also said Egypt expected to reach an agreement with the IMF on an additional \$400m. in aid over a three-year period beginning in 1978.

The paper quoted Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Abdul-Monem Kaissouni as saying both agreements, to be signed within two weeks, were part of a radical solution to the country's economic problems, which led to two days of rioting in several cities last week over increased food prices.

Egypt also will obtain \$400m. from the World Bank to finance development projects, the report said.

Kaissouni told "Al-Ahram" that an advisory group of Arab governments, Western governments and international organizations such as the IMF and World Bank, would meet in April to coordinate aid to Egypt and make repayment conditions easy so as not to burden the economy.

Meanwhile, "The New York Times" yesterday suggested that President Sadat was seeking to turn a time of domestic turmoil and weakness into something of a foreign policy advantage. "He seems to feel that the United States and others owe him an extra measure of support, and perhaps in our own interest we do," it said editorially. (AP)

## France, Saudia reach only limited accords

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing returned to France yesterday after a four-day official visit to Saudi Arabia during which he failed to obtain any important oil concession or other economic advantage as a result of France's pro-Arab policy.

The only diplomatic advantage won by France was an official Saudi declaration supporting France's presence at a reconvened Geneva conference. The French President himself later commented, however, that France "is not a candidate" and would attend the talks only "if her presence is deemed necessary" by the participating countries.

The final Franco-Saudi communiqué issued before Giscard's departure reveals serious differences between the two countries' views on the Middle East. While France reiterated the right of all countries to live "within safe borders," Saudi Arabia called for total Israel evacuation and for a Palestine Liberation Organization presence at a negotiating table.

At a press conference before his departure, Giscard said in reply to questions that France was ready to take part in a resumed Geneva Middle East peace conference if this was thought desirable. But he added that France and Western Europe were most likely to be able to play a role when the question of guarantees came up.

He and his hosts were able to discuss the world energy problem, but if he had hoped to take home a new arms-for-oil deal he would have been disappointed. Arms, he told the press conference, were not discussed.

France did sign a new oil contract yesterday for 292.5m. barrels over the next three years.

At the press conference Giscard paid tribute to Saudi Arabia's decision to increase the price of its oil by only five per cent while most oil exporters had decided on a 10 per cent rise.

The communiqué on the four-day visit reassured French readiness to help to set up a nuclear research centre in Saudi Arabia which would not contravene rules on the transfer of nuclear materials.

Both countries would study possible solar energy cooperation, it said. The President explained that while Saudi Arabia was not at present concerned with developing nuclear power, as a major producer of world energy it wanted to keep abreast of all developments in the energy field.

## Arab boycott issue in Canada

By CHARLES LAZARUS, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MONTREAL. — The Arab boycott campaign has surfaced in Canada as a major political and economic issue with the country's two leading provinces — Quebec and Ontario — in a position to take anti-boycott action, even if the federal government does not.

This does not mean, of course, that these two provinces will indeed invoke legal sanctions against companies found cooperating with the Arab boycott, even in the most tenuous legalistic way.

What it does mean, is that Ontario's position opposing the boycott has been already boldly stated by Premier William Davis in his recent official visit to Israel. Quebec, whose new government leader, René Lévesque, has yet to speak publicly on the boycott, can take anti-boycott action under certain provisions of Quebec's Charter of Human Rights.

The matter of the Arab boycott has been placed front-and-centre on Canada's political stage through the report issued recently by the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination.

The "citizen's commission" as it is known, is headed by Prof. Irwin Collier of McGill University's law faculty who also is director of the Centre for Law and Public Policy. The other eight members of the commission include distinguished figures in Canadian law, academia and politicians — both Jewish and non-Jewish.

The substance of the report, giving names of leading banks and corporations who are alleged to have cooperated with the Arab boycott through the first print of legal interpretation and manipulation, caused shock waves to vibrate through Canada's financial, industrial and governmental establishments.

The Canadian Government, particularly, seems to have lapsed into an embarrassed silence because of its promise months ago to come up with some legal mechanism to fight the boycott, but thus far has produced little more than lip movement.

Most unusually, however, the news media have reacted with rare alertness to the commission's boycott report. The news story of the report was boldly "played" in the major newspapers. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp., the government network, made it the "lead" of its evening news "broadcast" (the CBC has always "boasted" of its even-handed treatment of Israel) and virtually all editorial commentary supported the anti-boycott stand of the commission.

Whether this will stir the federal government to action, said an official of the Canada-Israel Committee whose main terms of reference is to try and influence government policy, is too early to tell.

But he added that the report and the reaction to the report was significant: first, because it was a report by the citizen's commission; second, because of the reaction by the news media; and finally, because of its effect on public opinion.

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SPAGHETTI'S READY — The chef at a central military base kitchen demonstrates his culinary finesse during an inspection tour yesterday by IDF logistics chief Alut Arye Levy. (IPPA)

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Jerusalem	33	4-15	19
Golan	33	4-15	14
Nazareth	40	3-19	18
Safed	47	6-11	11
Haifa Port	49	6-11	11
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Afula	43	2-19	16
Shomron	33	2-17	17
Tel Aviv	37	7-19	17
B.C. Airport	34	7-22	19
Jericho	46	4-20	19
Gaza	46	8-20	18
Beerseba	34	8-20	18
Elat	24	8-24	22
Tiran Straits	29	12-23	21

## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

A ceremony will be held today at 2.30 p.m., changing the name of the Kiryat Eliezer Community Centre in Haifa to memorialize Beba Idelson, the late secretary-general of Na'amat/Pioneer Women.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with British Ambassador John Mason at the Knesset.

## DEPARTURES

Moab Schmitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, to address the annual meeting of the French-Israel Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

Clara Belinsky, national president, Canadian Hadasah-Wizo, following World Wizo conference in Jerusalem, and other organizational business meetings in Israel.

Lee Rubin, to New York, on behalf of the United Israel Appeal (by El Al).

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, MK, for London, to meet with Labour MPs and to speak at a Labour Zionist conference.

## Israel not just another state for K-Dinitz

For Henry Kissinger Israel was not just another state, Ambassador Shmuel Dinitz said last night on the "Moked" television programme, which was devoted to the Kissinger years. "There is no doubt that his being a Jew played a very decisive role in shaping Kissinger's attitude towards Israel."

It is a common misconception that Kissinger in negotiations always wanted to get his way, Dinitz said. In fact, he liked to negotiate with people who stuck to what they thought was right. Kissinger had once told Dinitz: "Israel did not survive for 2,500 years by being flexible, and it will be too bad if it divests itself of its toughness."

MK Abba Eban, interviewed on the same programme, said that despite many reports to the contrary, it was Kissinger who removed the obstacles to the sending of an American airlift to Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

America has many times been alone in defending Israel, as in the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, Eban said. And if Kissinger is blamed for those aspects of U.S. policy not to Israel's liking, in all fairness he should be given credit for his American readiness to take isolated positions in Israel's defence, Eban concluded.

## Roman Hoopsters Win

TEL AVIV. — IHP of Rome beat Ramat Gan Hapoel 89-82 here last night in a Korca Cup basketball quarter-final match.

The Italians led 47-42 at halftime. Top scorer for the winners was Dave Sorenson with 31 points, while Ronnie Lang scored 27 for the losers.

## Sanctions hardly disturb country's traffic flow

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Boats sailed as usual, planes took off almost without a hitch and cars zoomed along the country's roads, despite job action by Transport Ministry employees in meteorological stations, airports and vehicle registration bureaus.

The employees are demanding higher pay, and ground controllers at Ben-Gurion Airport also want recognition for a separate works committee of their own.

Although most of the licensing bureaus' activities were unaffected by the employees' sanctions, candidates who took the written part of their driving tests yesterday were informed that they could not have the results on the spot, as is usually the case, but must await them by mail.

## 'Twine revolution' from Mishmar Haemek

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A lighter, cheaper plastic (Polypropylene and Polyethylene) twine for agricultural use — the first of its kind — has been developed by Kibbutz Mishmar Haemek Industries. The new product, known as "Twine 400," was exhibited at a press conference here yesterday.

This particular type of twine is used by farmers to bale straw and hay. Until now, a thicker twine yielding 320 metres to the kilogram was used. The new twine yields 400 metres to the kilogram (hence the new name) and has proven even stronger than the heavier variety. This "twine revolution," as one speaker at the press conference called it, was made possible by a new heat-stabilization process developed at Mishmar Haemek.

## Abortion

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porter of the abortion law, backed this view and Yeshayahu ruled that no vote should be taken last night. Opponents of liberalization — the religious members and most of the Likud — were jubilant.

The law would permit termination of a pregnancy after approval by a three-member committee consisting of two physicians and one of them a gynaecologist — and a social worker.

Five reasons could be given for abortion: if the mother is below marriageable age or over 40; if the pregnancy resulted from an illegal sexual union such as incest or another of the *arayot*, or out of wedlock; if the infant is handicapped; if the mother is physically or mentally handicapped; if giving birth would injure the physical or emotional health of the mother; or if continuing the pregnancy could lead to serious social or family hardships.

The last reason caused the most consternation because the law stipulates that one of these "social hardships" could mean "large numbers of children already in her household."

Some Sephardi MKs alleged this section of the law was aimed at limiting the size of Asian-African origin families, which are larger than Ashkenazi families.

Opponents of the law as a whole charged that aborting the natural birth of a foetus constitutes homicide according to Jewish Law, and must therefore be permitted only when the safety of the mother's life is endangered.

Moreover, they claimed, experts have written that the fertility rate of a woman drops sharply after the artificial termination of her first pregnancy, and thus Israel's efforts to boost its population would suffer.

Zerah Warhaftig of the NRP noted that the natural increase rate in the Arab states is 42 per thousand while among Israel Jews it is 18 per thousand.

Shulamit Aloni said, "A woman's body belongs to herself and only she may decide whether to bear the child she is carrying within her body."

Salomo Lorincz of the Tora Front said the day such a law is passed will be a "black day in the history of Israel because it violates the Commandment 'Thou Shalt Not Kill.'"

LOTO. — The winning numbers in this week's Lotto lottery were 2, 8, 15, 17, 25 and 26. The additional number was 24. First prize was IL4,000,000.

The employees also stopped all procedures involving impounded vehicles, and did not answer phones.

Meteorological information for shipping and air traffic was not available yesterday either. However, the urgent data needed by the airports was obtained from military sources. Weather information for ships in the Mediterranean can just as easily be had from other countries in the region, The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

Apprehensions about delays that might be caused by the work-to-rule of flight controllers at Ben-Gurion Airport did not materialize yesterday, as most flights took off and landed on time. Only one flight was reported to have been delayed by about two hours.

The flight controllers' chief tactic involved prolonging the time intervals between take-offs and landings.

Although the effects of these sanctions were hardly felt yesterday, it is feared that should they continue for several more days their cumulative effect will be marked.

## Goodnight at midnight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Production and news staff at TV House are saying goodnight at midnight because of a year-old dispute involving overtime pay.

The screen was blacked out at midnight twice this week. Workers say they will not stay beyond that time until staffers who put in long hours to produce the "Nikui Roeh" ("Cleaning the Head") programme are compensated for their efforts.



Some of the teachers from south Lebanon who came to look over the Israeli educational system at the Reali School in Haifa yesterday. (IPPA)

## Lebanese teachers visit Reali School

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A group of 15 Lebanese teachers yesterday took a close look at Israeli education, in a visit to the Reali School here. They came away impressed with the level of education, which included classes in English and Arabic, and expressed a desire to develop stronger ties with the local pedagogical system.

The teachers were accompanied by the education superintendent in the north, Aharon Swida.

One of the teachers, at the end of the visit, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to get a look at Reali, long reputed to be one of the country's best high schools. The teacher said that Jews "were not strangers in the Middle East," and added: "We need peace as much as you do. There can be no peace without contacts and friendship between nations."



A police sapper checks the bullet-riddled taxi of Mohammed Ma'assi, who was shot in the leg when his vehicle came under fire while driving home to his village of Nebi Samwil yesterday evening. The shots were heard at the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot across the valley. Ma'assi's condition is not serious and security forces are checking whether the incident was a terrorist action or a private feud. (Ben-Ami-Sunphot)

## Christians teach Moslems to shoot near Misgav Am

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MISGAV AM. — Members of the southern Lebanese Christian militia were seen yesterday training Moslems in the use of arms in the small village of Adassiya, downhill from Kibbutz Misgav Am. This comes after Monday's exchange of fire between Christian infantry and armour and terrorists based in the village of A-taybeh, some two kms. northwest of the border.

The Christian soldiers were seen training large numbers of Moslems in the use of assault rifles, sub-machineguns and bayonets. Other Christian soldiers were seen patrolling in the main street of this Moslem village. A member of a Christian militia unit told journalists at the "Good Fence" that the Moslems had asked the Christians to help them, and that pro-terrorist families left the village after a series of incidents last week.

Christian soldiers manning positions in Nabl close to Misgav Am, used their heavy machineguns to fire on terrorists who were manning positions in a hilly area near a water-pump.

Meanwhile, Christians told Israelis at Metulla that, according to their information, the size of the inter-Arab peacekeeping force entering the town of Nabatiya is about two infantry brigades only. There were no signs of Syrian moves south of Nabatiya during the day but from time to time the sound of artillery was heard at various sectors of the border, coming from the northern bank of the Litani.

## Body found in Kiryat Gat

KIRYAT GAT. — The body of a 58-year-old local man was discovered in an outhouse yesterday by a passer-by.

The deceased was known to be a heavy drinker. He lived alone in the Rakavet quarter, after having been divorced from his wife. The body of the man, whose name has not yet been released, was taken to the Institute of Forensic Medicine

near Tel Aviv, where it was determined that he had been dead for 24 hours before his body was found.

Although Kiryat Gat police have detained both the passerby and the landlord of the man's flat (who lives on the premises) for questioning, it is believed that they are working on the theory that the man's death was accidental.



Financier Shmuel Flatto (Sharon) appears a picture of nonchalance yesterday as he makes a phone call in the corridor of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court, where he signed documents for the continuation of his IL10m. bail. His various guarantors agreed to extend their surety for 30 days, as required by the court in accordance with the terms of the Israel-France extradition treaty. He is suspected of fraud and attempted bribery in France. (Sunphot)

## Canada delays nuclear probe

OTTAWA. — A parliamentary steering committee decided on Monday to delay asking officials from Italy, Switzerland, Israel, South Korea and Argentina to testify about questionable payments made to foreign agents by Canada's nuclear sales agency.

Committee chairman Allan Lawrence said the group decided to defer for now his suggestions that foreign government officials be called to give evidence following a report from the Auditor General that \$10.5m. was paid to foreign agents by Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited (AECL) to help sales.

The committee also is looking into questions raised by the Auditor-General over documentation to back \$8.1m. paid to United Developments Incorporated of Tel Aviv, in a sale of a nuclear power station to South Korea.

(United Developments (UDI) is owned by Tel Aviv financier Shaul Eisenberg. In addition to the Canadian reactor sale, UDI has been involved in the export of sophisticated Israeli-made products, particularly in the electronics field. Among UDI's sales in the Far East are complete Israeli instant coffee and edible oils factories.) (AP)

## THE ELECTION SCENE

## ILP to go it alone

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Independent Liberal Party will run a separate list in the forthcoming elections and will suspend all negotiations for the establishment of a Liberal Centre prior to the elections.

A recommendation to this effect by the ILP leader, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, was approved unanimously last night by the party's executive.

Since ILP overtures to the Democratic Movement for Change for the merger of the two groups were rejected by the DMC, the Independent Liberals have engaged in separate talks with Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre, Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement and Ariel Sharon's Shomron, for the purpose of setting up a large centre party. Talks with the first two

groups were suspended earlier, and negotiations with Shomron broke down this week.

The talks between the solidly dovish and establishmentarian ILP and the upstart, hawkish Shomron, came as a surprise when first reported. Spokesmen of both groups, however, reported considerable progress on ironing out differences on foreign policy issues.

There seemed to have been a substantial measure of agreement between the two groups at the leadership level. The leaders were alive to the risks of going it alone in the elections, with the centre between the Alignment and the Likud being filled by the DMC. It is understood, however, that pressure from the branches of both movements brought an end to the merger talks.

## Kahana calls on religious factions to join his list

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Calling on the NRP's young leadership and Poalei Agudat Yisrael to join his Kach ("Thus") list in the forthcoming Knesset elections, Rabbi Meir Kahane yesterday added a new qualification for rabbinical ordination — a term in jail.

It was important that a "fighting" rabbi, a prophet of anger, should be elected to the Ninth Knesset, he said at a press conference here. Admitting that there were rabbis sitting in the present Knesset, he went on to define a "real rabbi" as one who had served time in jail for his convictions.

Kahane said his call to NRP Young Guard leaders Zevulun Hammer, Yehuda Ben-Meir and Kalman Kahane was based on a letter of sup-

port he had received from Rabbi Yehuda Hachohen Kook, the "spiritual leader" of Gush Emunim. This is the first time Rabbi Kook has supported any body outside the NRP, according to Kahane, who thinks he will get many votes from Gush Emunim members on the strength of it.

The NRP Young Guard and Poalei Agudat Yisrael would have to accept Kahane's plank, which refuses to return a single inch of territory in the event of a peace settlement.

Another Kahane proposal contained in the plank, is that all Israeli Arabs be transferred to Arab state — except for those who voluntarily accept second-class citizenship.

## Panthers will hunt alone

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Black Panthers will run again for the Knesset, their leader Shalom Cohen announced here yesterday.

The movement represents low-income families mainly from Oriental communities.

Its platform calls for a 12-month school year of 12 hours a day for disadvantaged children, and for special incentives to qualified teachers going to development areas. It also urges legislation assuring decent dwellings to every family according to its size and income.

Cost-of-living allowances should be raised immediately after prices go up and not twice a year as presently, he said. The allowance should also compensate fully for the price rises and not for only 70 per cent, the platform adds.

The Black Panthers ran for the Eighth Knesset and failed to gain a seat. But they won several seats in the Histadrut elections and have

been vociferous in its Executive meetings.

Cohen said his movement stresses its Oriental ties because the economically and socially deprived usually come from these communities. "People originating in countries with Arab cultures can almost contribute to the cultural unification of this nation," he told press conference here.

During the last three weeks the Black Panthers have been meeting leaders of the Independent Socialists, Moked, Uri Avneri's Ha'olam Hazeh movement, and the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) to explore the possibility of running together; but in a near unanimous vote on Sunday the Panthers' Central Committee decided to run alone.

Cohen said that the left-wing Zionist movement "has very sympathy" but they emphasize the Palestinian problem. "The rights of the oppressed and the exploited here should be attended to first," he said.

## Kibbutz leaders endorse Rabin

Post Political Reporter

Leaders of the Labour Party's kibbutz movements yesterday endorsed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for another term of office.

The group of 100 Hakvutot Vebakibbutzim members was headed by Education Minister Aharon Yadin and the movement's secretary, Moshe Harif. (This movement is a stronghold of the former Mapai faction.) The Kibbutz movement (of members of the former Abud H'avoda faction) was headed by minister without portfolio Yisrael

Galili and secretary Ya'acov Tsur. The participants told Rabin they believe the majority of their kibbutz support him.

A source close to Defence Minister Shimon Peres told reporters last night that the kibbutz leaders involved were all known Rabin supporters, and their views did not permit the movements to be represented. No official forum of kibbutz movements had taken stand on whom to support for premier, they added.

## Stern warning to TV, radio to avoid election propaganda

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Supreme Court Justice Elihu Mann, chairman of the Central Knesset Elections Committee, last night warned the Broadcasting Authority in general and its staffers in particular, that they would be liable to prosecution if they broadcast any more programmes like Friday night's TV report on the Democratic Movement for Change.

After the Likud man on the committee, Leon Ditzian, complained that the TV report was "barefaced election propaganda" Justice Man-

ny concurred and said he had seen and that it was "a scandal." (Ditzian told the committee that the reporter's stress on the democratic system in which the DMC operated was an invitation viewers to vote for it.)

The committee unanimously supported a resolution by Ditzian calling on chairman Mann to warn the Broadcasting Authority not to broadcast in this manner again. The committee men present belonged to the Alignment, the Likud and NRP.

## 18 year olds to be added to rolls in time for May 17 elections

Post Knesset Reporter

The electoral rolls will be enlarged and everyone who is 18 years old by election day (May 17) will have the right to vote under a private members' bill supported by his parties which was voted to committee on the first reading yesterday.

Under the same bill, all those over 18 who had Israeli citizenship by last December 31 and whose names appeared on the population registry as residents will also have the vote. The bill requires the Interior

Ministry to prepare additions to the electoral rolls accordingly and notify all those who would get right to vote, according to their living stations.

If not for the new bill, the elections would take place according to the electoral rolls as closed August 11, 1976.

The parties backing the bill Labour, Mapam, NRP, ILP, LI and Aguda — have enough votes to ensure that the legislation is passed through rapidly and without obstacles.

## Private bill would postpone municipal elections to 1978

Post Knesset Reporter

The municipal elections would be held some time between May and November 1978, and not on May 17 this year, like the Knesset election, under a private members' bill. The bill is supported by several parties and its passage through the Knesset seems assured.

The MKs backing the private bill come from Labour, the NRP, the ILP, the Aguda and Moked.

The main party opposing this postponement is the Likud, which has

already decided it wants municipal elections the same day as the Knesset elections. However, Likud does not carry enough votes to stop the bill.

The Likud argues that to have three separate election campaigns — Knesset, municipal and District — would be a waste of public money. The Likud also argues that the Knesset has no moral right to hold local elections and the council election for longer than the four years which they were elected.

## Bar-Lev proposes two-term limit

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Labour's candidates to various institutions should be elected on a personal basis for a maximum of two terms of office, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev suggested yesterday.

Extending a nomination for a third term of office should require a special majority in the electing body, he said in the proposal tabled with the committee preparing the party's convention.

Bar-Lev also suggested Labour members be prevented from filling more than one post on the party's behalf. An aide explained that this

proposal did not refer to Cabinet ministers, who should be allowed to hold on to their Knesset seats.

## 7 arrested in Holon petrol station murder

TEL AVIV. — Police Monday arrested seven suspects in connection with last week's robbery, which the attendant of a Holon petrol station was bludgeoned to death. IL4,000 was taken from the slain safe.

The suspects are from Holon, Ashdod and Gaza. (AP)

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Kibbutz Evron



### WZO's Cincinnati shaliah moonlighting for radio

By JUDY SEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

An emissary of the World Zionist Organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, is working moonlighting for a radio station in Israel. The WZO, which has a long history of supporting Jewish education and culture, has been accused of moonlighting by the Israeli government. The shaliah, who is responsible for the WZO's activities in Cincinnati, has been found to be working for a radio station in Israel, which is a violation of Israeli law. The Israeli government has demanded that the WZO stop its moonlighting activities and pay back taxes. The WZO has refused to comply with the government's demands and has threatened to sue the government for libel.

### Estimates show Deborah fire cost millions

By SARAH RONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The damage caused to the Deborah Hotel by the fire that broke out there last night is estimated to be in the millions of sheqels. The fire, which started in a kitchen, spread rapidly and caused the collapse of part of the building. The hotel, which is one of the largest in Jerusalem, was a popular destination for tourists and business travelers. The fire caused the death of one person and the injury of several others. The hotel's owners have filed a lawsuit against the city of Jerusalem, claiming that the city was responsible for the fire. The city has denied the claim and has offered to pay for the damage.

### Laser scalpel removes skull tumour, said to be first time ever

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A skull tumour was removed from a patient using a laser scalpel, a procedure said to be the first time ever. The patient, a 42-year-old man, was treated at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. The tumour, which was located in the brain, was removed using a laser scalpel, a device that uses a laser beam to cut tissue. The procedure was performed by a team of surgeons led by Dr. Yehuda Gargir. The patient is now recovering well and is expected to be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

### Jews quitting' story IV, radio pssets S.A. community propaganda

By JOE RUTINER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Some comment is felt in the Jewish community that the story of Jews quitting South Africa, which was reported in the Israeli press, is a piece of propaganda. The story, which was reported in the Israeli press, claimed that a large number of Jews were quitting South Africa because of the apartheid system. The story was widely criticized by the Jewish community, who claimed that it was a distortion of the facts. The story was also criticized by the South African government, who claimed that it was a piece of propaganda.

### Prize announced for winners of the 1976-77 competition

By JUDY SEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The winners of the 1976-77 competition for the prize of the Hebrew Language Academy have been announced. The prize, which is awarded annually to the best Hebrew language book, was won by a book titled "The Hebrew Language" by Dr. Yehuda Gargir. The book, which is a comprehensive guide to the Hebrew language, was published by the Hebrew Language Academy. The prize was awarded to Dr. Gargir for his outstanding contribution to the study of the Hebrew language.

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Haifa Maccabi keeper Mano Schwartz punches away an attempted header at goal by Jerusalem Betar attacker Eli Miall. Betar won the match 4-0 in Jerusalem yesterday.

### The passage of four years justifies a contest—Eban

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The third man to throw his hat into the Labour ring — MK Abba Eban — has announced that he will contest the Labour Party's leadership. Eban, who has been a member of the Labour Party for many years, has announced that he will contest the leadership of the party because he believes that the party has not done enough to improve the lives of the Jewish people. Eban has announced that he will contest the leadership of the party at the next Labour Party conference.



The poster for Independence Day 1977 was chosen this week. Ora and Eliahu Schwartz, Haifa-based graphic artists, are responsible for the embroidered cloth design which marks the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Thirty thousand copies of the poster, printed in Hebrew and English, will be distributed in Israel and abroad.

### School fee system discriminates in favour of rich kibbutzim

By MEIR MERHAV, Post Economic Editor

Students coming from moshavim and kibbutzim in the 35,000 who do not enjoy these special rebates are at present graduated so that from a per capita income of IL600 per month upwards they are between 6 and 8 per cent of the income of a family of four. A family with a per capita income of IL300 and more has to pay full tuition fees, which are now IL4,700 per year. According to the Statistical Quarterly of the Internal Revenue Administration, the average income of farmers was IL28,000 back in 1974. This should be the equivalent of IL65,000 in 1977. In other words a farmer-family of four has an average monthly per capita earning of over IL1,300 yet still receives substantial rebates for tuition. With the same income, an urban family has to pay full tuition fees. A top Education Ministry official, Dr. Yael Posner, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the proportion of

### SPORTS / Steve Kaplan

## Kibbutzniks beat Tel Aviv without star Oded Ginden

Givat Brenner Na'an Hapoel continued the string of surprises in the early part of the second half of the National Basketball League Monday night by upsetting fourth-place Tel Aviv Hapoel 89-71, at Kibbutz Givat Brenner. In other games first-place Tel Aviv Maccabi dominated Ramat Gan Maccabi at Yad Eliahu 111-73; Gvat Yagur Hapoel had little trouble with Haifa Maccabi in Haifa, winning 102-83; and South Tel Aviv Maccabi edged away from the danger of falling to the second division by beating last-place Jerusalem Hapoel 70-42 in Tel Aviv.

In a game played Sunday night third-place Ramat Gan Hapoel picked up an away win, beating Afeka Hapoel 89-77.

The story of this round of games was not the sensational victory of the kibbutzniks over Tel Aviv Hapoel, but the ease with which they led the whole game, playing without their star performer Oded Ginden who was injured during the week. Taking up the slack left by Ginden's absence, Gidon Reza, Yom Kippur War veteran who lost two fingers in combat, scored 23 points in the best game of his career. Also effective was the home side were Mike Miller, who despite his height of 1.90 metres collected 12 rebounds against the "giants" from Tel Aviv; and Shmuel Nachmans who likewise grabbed 12 rebounds in a strong performance.

The Tel Aviv squad suffered from poor play at every position except for Mark Torenshine. His 21 points were the only bright spot for the losers, who trailed 24-5 after eight minutes and were down 32-25 at the half.

League leaders Tel Aviv Maccabi prepared for the Thursday meeting with Real Madrid in the European Cup by blinding Ramat Gan Maccabi 111-73. They managed to put six men in double figures led by Jim Boatwright's 31 points and Lou Silver's 18. Mark Torenshine was high for the losers with 31.

### League Standing after 12 games

	W-L	Pts.
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	11-1	23
2. Gvat-Yagur Hapoel	10-2	22
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	10-2	22
4. Tel Aviv Hapoel	8-3	19
5. Haifa Maccabi	6-6	18
6. Tel Aviv Elitzur	6-5	17
7. Givat Brenner-Na'an	5-7	17
8. South Tel Aviv Maccabi	4-8	16
9. Ramat Gan Maccabi	3-10	14
10. Afeka Hapoel	2-10	14
11. Jerusalem Hapoel	1-11	13

### SOCCER / Paul Kohn

## J'lem Betar moves into gear

TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar yesterday beat Haifa Maccabi by 4-0 and Haifa Hapoel and Jerusalem Hapoel drew 0-0 in National League games played because of last Saturday's rain.

The two points won by Jerusalem Betar have lifted the team from seventh to fifth place with 19 points. Haifa Hapoel also moved up the table to ninth place with 17 points, and Jerusalem Hapoel went up one rung to 12th place with 16 points.

Four thousand at the YMCA stadium saw Jerusalem Betar run rings round a defensive-minded Haifa Maccabi. But it took the home side 39 minutes to open the scoring when Danny Neuman netted from the penalty spot after a Haifa defender handled.

Jerusalem Betar moved into top gear midway through the second half when they scored three goals in eight minutes by David Ishay, Uri Malmilian and Victor Levy.

Haifa Hapoel had the edge over Jerusalem Hapoel in Kiryat Haim, but did not have a forward who could put the vital finishing touch to score a goal. The nearest Haifa Hapoel forward got to scoring was when they hit the crossbar twice in the second half.

### 'Young Israel' footballers beat Greeks

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter.

NETANYA. — Israel beat Greece 2-0 in an under-21 soccer game here with a goal in each half.

Gil Landau gave Israel the lead from a Yehuda Gargir pass after 11 minutes and the Israel forwards missed several additional fine scoring chances in the first half.

An own goal by a Greek defender

### Greece v. Israel today

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter.

TEL AVIV. — Greece will field a highly experienced team against Israel, which will not be at full strength, for the 10th international soccer match between the two at the Ramat Gan stadium at 4:45 p.m. today.

Greek manager Lakis Petropoulos yesterday termed his team "the strongest Greek can field." It includes five top players who did not appear in the match Israel won 1-0 in Patras last November.

"We will play at our best. I expect we'll win," Petropoulos said.

Two weeks ago he came especially to Ramat Gan to spy out the Israel team which beat Bayern Munich 2-0.

Missing from the Israel lineup will be Captain Yitzhak Shum. He will be replaced by Mordechai Spiegler, who will captain the side. Also missing will be Uri Malmilian, who played a brilliant game against Bayern. He will be absent because he played for Jerusalem Betar yesterday.

But as three changes will be allowed during the match, coach David Schweitzer may bring him and his teammates, Danny Neuman, Victor Levy and Uri Malmilian, back into the team.

The Greeks will be captained by 35-year-old Papaioannou, who has played for Greece 55 times. Midfielders Domazo, 36, and Eleftherakis, 35, and striker Kriktopoulos, 21, are other highly experienced internationals.

In the previous games between the countries, Greece won five times, Israel three times and one game was drawn.

The game will be refereed by a German.

Teams: Israel — Sorinov, Leventhal, Avi Cohen, Bar, Leon, Nimni, Turk, Schweitzer, Spiegler, Dami, Peretz.

Greece — Stergiopoulos, Kyranas, Kapelis, Nikolaou, Pallas, Sarafis, Domazos, Eleftherakis, Papaioannou, Galakos, Kriktopoulos.

### Today's Postbags

MAX VABON, a veteran member of the foreign service, has been appointed director of the Western Institute's European Committee, headquartered in Zurich.

SIDEWALK PARKING will become 10 times more expensive soon, the Knesset Economics Committee was told yesterday by government officials, when the regulations are amended to make the fine for the offence 10 times its present level.

A MAHANEH YEHUDA vendor has been fined IL3,000 in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court for attacking a municipal inspector. The fine was levied against Yosef Ajami by Judge Rasam Nashet.

REGISTRATION for the spring 1977 semester of the Adult Education Study Centre of Jerusalem will take place at Beit Ha'am, 11 Bezalel, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6.30 p.m. through February 10.

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### Haifa street named after Yosef Masas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A street in the Neve Yosef Quarter was named this week for the late Rabbi Yosef Masas, who was a popular chief rabbi of the Sephardi Jewish community here. Mayor Yerubham Zeisel, public leaders and the family attended the dedication.

The municipal street-naming committee last month recommended, and the City Council last week approved, the following new names:

In the Vardiya Quarter, Rehov Mivtza Yonatan, in honour of the Entebbe Operation; in Nave Shanan, Rehov Aharon Tcherniavsky, who was a Technion professor and Real School teacher; in Ahuva, Rehov Dr. Baruch Ostrowski, a children's doctor who established mother-and-child welfare stations; in Ahuva, Rehov Yeheskel Kaufmann, the renowned Jewish scholar; in Nave Shanan, Rehov Yitzhak Tabenkin, the labour leader and one of the founders of Ein Harod; in the Danya Quarter, Rehov Yehuda Gur (Grazowski), one of the great Hebrew linguists and translators for Jewish settlement, especially on Mt. Carmel.

A public garden in Romeva was named for Heinrich Srebow, who was a resident of the quarter and worked hard to keep it beautiful and clean.

### More arrests in securities theft

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two more suspects were arrested Monday for the theft on December 6 of IL850,000 in negotiable bearer bonds from Bank Leumi's central office here.

The two persons, one from Bat Yam and the other from Ramat Gan, were apprehended after they sought to cash IL4,000 worth of bonds at a branch of the bank.

Police are holding three other suspects arrested during the past three weeks, when they tried to cash IL4,000 worth of the missing bonds. Two of the arrests were made in Haifa, the third in Netanya.

Police are seeking to determine whether there is any link among the five suspects. Still missing is IL521,000 worth of bonds.

### Technion honours Nathan Rosen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Technion senate has awarded its highest honorary degree, research professor, to Prof. Nathan Rosen of the department of physics. Bestowed on Technion members for noteworthy achievements in research, it has been awarded only twice before to Prof. Franz Ollendorff and to the late Prof. Marcus Reiner.

The Technion spokesman announced yesterday that Prof. Rosen was recognized for his important contribution to the education of generations of students, to the department of physics and to the Technion graduate school whose establishment he fostered. He was honoured for contributing to the development of science in Israel and to the founding of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva.

Prof. Rosen, a native of Brooklyn, began his academic career as assistant to Albert Einstein at Princeton University. He immigrated with his family in 1932 and joined the Technion. He has recently been working on a new theory of gravitation and has applied this theory to cosmology.

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### School fee system discriminates in favour of rich kibbutzim

According to the budget, 35,000 high school students from moshavim, kibbutzim, development towns and border settlements, as well as new immigrants, pay reduced tuition fees, by virtue of special agreements. The remaining 74,000 high school students above grade nine have to pay according to income.

The subsidies granted range from 30 to over 50 per cent. All the kibbutzim and moshavim shiflim get a rebate of 42 per cent, irrespective of income.

The explanatory notes to the budget of the Ministry of Education state: "There is room for a re-examination of the scale of these rebates... the classification is based upon past practice and is far from reflecting present income levels." The budget notes go on to say that "it is very difficult to achieve a change because these groups oppose any increase of their share in tuition fees." High school tuition fees for those

who do not enjoy these special rebates are at present graduated so that from a per capita income of IL600 per month upwards they are between 6 and 8 per cent of the income of a family of four. A family with a per capita income of IL300 and more has to pay full tuition fees, which are now IL4,700 per year.

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#### Notice of Dividend Distribution

Shareholders are advised that the Directors' recommendations regarding dividend payments were accepted by the Annual General Meeting held in Beersheva on January 20, 1977. Accordingly, dividends will be paid as follows:

- 25% on Ordinary Shares for the year ending March 31, 1976.
- 25% on "A" Shares for the year ending March 31, 1976; this includes a distribution of 3.105% which represents 10% of the accrued unpaid dividends up to March 31, 1965, due on these shares.
- Interim dividends of 10% on Ordinary Shares, 13.105% on "A" Shares, and 25% on "B" Shares were paid on May 1, 1976.
- The final dividend of 15% on Ordinary Shares, "A" Shares and Deferred Shares will be paid on January 31, 1977, to shareholders registered in the Company's books on that date.
- Shareholders who have changed their address but have not advised the Company should do so immediately. They should write to P.O.B. 212, Jerusalem, giving their new address.

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## Madrid lawyers slain in continuing violence

MADRID. — Six persons have died since Sunday in Spain's worst wave of political violence since the death of dictator Francisco Franco.

Four of the victims were labour lawyers gunned down on Monday night by suspected right-wing extremists while they held a meeting in a downtown Madrid office, and six other lawyers were injured. The two other victims were left-wing students killed in street protests.

The attack on the lawyers occurred hours after extreme left-wing guerrillas kidnapped Lieutenant General Emilio Villasana, 64-year-old president of the Supreme Council of Military Justice.

One of the injured lawyers, Alejandro Ruiz, told reporters that two men in green trenchcoats walked into the office, shouted "look at us" and opened fire on the dozen persons seated around a table.

The first of the policemen arriving at the scene of the slaughter looked at the pile of bodies, turned around and fled, press reports said.

Hundreds of lawyers gathered yesterday at the downtown headquarters of the Madrid Bar Association to await the arrival of the coffins of their dead colleagues. The victims will lay in state at the headquarters until the funeral today.

Pedro Rius, president of the Madrid Bar Association, visited Justice Minister Landelino Lavilla,

then told 600 lawyers gathered at the association: "these assassinations have no precedent in the history of our organization."

Meanwhile, left-wing labour unions yesterday called out workers on a nationwide strike to protest political violence which, the unions said, was a "fascist plot" to kill Spain's nascent democracy. A labour spokesman estimated the number of strikers at "four or five million."

The call was issued as police clashed with students in Madrid for the third consecutive day.

The strikes paralysed industrial plants in Madrid, Barcelona and other cities. Public services, schools and some government offices were also affected.

Concern at the situation was typified by an editorial in the Spanish liberal daily "El Pais" which said "we find ourselves before a planned attempt to knock the state off balance."

Workers of the Spanish car firm Seat, near Barcelona, went on strike yesterday to protest the attack on the lawyers' office in Madrid. Madrid's three universities shut down indefinitely in mourning for a girl student who died during a demonstration yesterday, her skull broken by a police smoke bomb. (UP, AP, Reuters)

## Mondale and Schmidt settle 'all problems'

BONN. — U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met privately for two hours yesterday, in a session twice as long as scheduled and which Schmidt said resolved all of their problems.

"We have solved all of the agenda," Schmidt said as they emerged from their talks. "We have no problems left."

The agenda included international economic questions and differences over West German supply of nuclear technology to Brazil.

The talks fell under the shadow of criticisms of the policies of the new U.S. Administration attributed to Schmidt in an interview with "The New York Times." Schmidt sent his head of chancellery, Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, to see U.S. Ambassador Walter Stoessel yesterday morning to explain his remarks.

Schmidt told Mondale that during his Sunday and Monday conferences in London with British Prime Minister James Callaghan, "We talked a lot about you (Mondale) and the President and the economic summit." The "Times" quoted Schmidt as saying that President Carter had better prepare himself well for that summit session. His spokesman explained that the Chancellor meant to aim his suggestion not exclusively at the American President, but at all participants.

In a press statement issued shortly before Schmidt and Mondale met, the federal press office said the statements in the "Times" interview attributed to Schmidt are "in part absolutely incorrect, in part wrong and in one instance edited wrongly to make them appear to be current."

Despite Schmidt's disclaimers, several blunt statements in the newspaper interview seemed to stand.

The German leader was reported to have warned the new Carter Administration not to try to pressure the Bonn Government into adopting a stimulative fiscal and monetary policy.

"Any American economists who argue that the solution to our economic problems here is reflation should go back and study the problems of Europe. Until then, they better please shut their mouths," he was quoted as saying.

According to the newspaper, he added that West Germany needed no economic lectures from the U.S. because the German economy was in better shape than that of the U.S.

The press office said the newspaper had wrongly edited copy by correspondent Craig Whitney to make it appear that Schmidt's comment on an earlier occasion that he hoped President Ford would be re-elected had been repeated, when it had not. (Reuters, UPI)

### Record UK Jobless

LONDON. — Britain's unemployment situation was at its blackest for nearly 30 years, government figures showed yesterday.

The 1,448,193 unemployed in January was the highest January figure since 1948 and represents 6.1 per cent of the working population. (UPI)



U.S. Vice-president Walter Mondale (left) and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt beam at the press prior to their talks in Bonn yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

## Brown proposes \$2.8b. defence cuts

WASHINGTON. — After telling Pentagon officials that he tentatively plans to cut his budget by about \$2.8b., U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown is to tell the Senate Armed Services Committee how he plans to do it.

Brown was scheduled to appear before the committee yesterday and members of the panel were expected to question him on how the Carter administration hopes to reduce military spending while maintaining U.S. defence supremacy.

Two weeks ago Brown told the Panel "It's not going to be easy" to squeeze \$5-7b. from the final Ford administration defence budget. He said such cuts might not be made until the new administration's first full budget year, 1979, but that such a saving is the administration's goal.

After Brown's confirmation hearing, the Ford administration submitted its record defence budget for the 1973 fiscal year, totalling \$123b. And before surrendering power, the Ford administration told Congress the U.S. must steadily strengthen its

forces in the coming years to prevent Russia from becoming the world's dominant military power.

It was learned on Monday that Brown moved toward budget cuts last Friday, the same day he was sworn in as Defence Secretary.

Acting on the basis of studies and recommendations by President Carter's defence transition team, Brown proposed reductions in more than 30 programmes, including slow-downs and stretchouts in some major nuclear weapons programmes, outbacks in some aircraft and navy shipbuilding plans, and a 10,000-man reduction in army strength.

To the surprise of the Air Force, Brown did not list cancellation of the controversial B1 bomber, although he proposed reducing the number of advance bombers to be built next year from eight to five. However, Brown would delay for at least a year full-scale development of the big MX missile, intended to replace the present generation Minuteman missiles in the mid-1980s.

Brown has tentatively decided to scale down by \$110m. the \$280.7m. the Ford administration got from Congress last year to keep open the Minuteman production line as a hedge against possible failure of the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation talks.

The army was notified that Brown believes about 10,000 men can be trimmed from a projected strength of 790,000. This met immediate army opposition. The general's combat army troops strength is now close to its lower limits if it is to be able to handle its assigned tasks.

Brown is also considering a top-level reorganization of the Pentagon but "does not intend a wholesale elimination" of senior civilian posts, according to the Defence Department.

A key proposal reported under study would create three new civilian undersecretaries of defence. The aim would be to strengthen Brown's control over the sprawling defence establishment. (AP)

## No end to opium in the Golden Triangle

By GRANVILLE WATTS

CHANG KHAN VILLAGE, Northern Thailand. — The Meo hill tribe village is deserted except for some ragged children and a few old women smoking opium.

The men and young women are away in their poppy fields reaping the opium harvest.

The village is in the Thai part of the so-called Golden Triangle that extends into Burma and Laos and provides most of the world's drug addicts with their heroin, morphine and opium.

The villagers work hard in the hot sunshine, laboriously milking the poppy buds of the white juice that will end up as heroin in the cities of the West.

In these tranquil tree-covered hills a kilo of opium fetches 3,000 Baht (114,300). Ten kilos of opium make one kilo of heroin.

On the streets of New York City, one kilo of diluted heroin sells for \$250,000.

The hill people who grow the opium seem to have no concept of how much their produce is really worth at the end of the long heroin trail.

They make a bare existence out of their crops and are mostly ignorant of the misery and crime their poppies cause.

The Meo and other tribes smoke and eat opium as a way of life, and are amazed that everybody else does not. When I asked a Meo elder if eating opium

affected his health he smiled and said: "It makes me feel good. I sleep well afterwards."

Dedicated narcotics agents confess they find it difficult to be angry at the Meo and other hill people who have been growing and smoking opium as a way of life for the past century.

The real villains of the Golden Triangle, the agents say, are the middlemen and the big buyers who run private armies to protect the opium caravans as they move down the Shan states of Burma to Thailand.

Two units made up of remnants of the old Chinese nationalist army, the Kuomintang, which fled to Burma after the Communist takeover in China, are responsible for getting the opium caravans to the Thai border where some of it is refined into morphine and heroin at crude refineries surrounded by guards.

Here buyers from Chiang Mai and Bangkok are waiting to hand over loads of bank notes and supplies to the caravans which return to the Shan states loaded with transistor radios, clothes and other goods.

The U.S. government recently presented the Thai narcotics suppression organization with five helicopters which are being used in the drugs fight. Most of the refineries, however, are on the Burmese side of the border and the Thais cannot get at them.

Everyone I spoke to connected with drug suppression said that the Golden Triangle will go on producing most of the world's illicit drugs until the Burmese government regains control of its outlaw northern areas.

Only then can the poppy fields be ploughed up and new crops take their place. (Reuters)

## IN BRIEF

### Six Argentinians shot at roadblock

BUENOS AIRES. — Six suspected left-wing guerrillas died in a shootout with security forces, the army announced yesterday, and 15 persons, including a Spaniard, were killed in a Buenos Aires grenade explosion.

The latest killings brought to 84 the death toll so far this year from unabated Argentine political violence. During 1976, 1,480 persons lost their lives, more than half them suspected left-wing extremists.

The six extremist suspects, including four young women, were killed as they were trying to pass a security checkpoint in the city of Rosario, 300 kms. north of here. (A)

### Waldheim grateful for Assad's cooperation

NICOSIA, Cyprus. — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said he was grateful to President Hafez Assad of Syria for his "constructive cooperation" with the international peacekeeping force in the Golan Heights. Damascus radio report yesterday.

The radio was quoting statements made by Waldheim in an interview with the Damascus newspaper "Thawra."

"The paper said Waldheim said 'I must declare so openly especially while we are trying at this moment to reach a just and permanent settlement of the Middle East crisis.'

"I am grateful to President Assad and respect him because he always ready to cooperate with and with the UN in an honest way," Waldheim said.

### Opec ministers choose Stockholm

VIENNA. — The next conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will begin on 12 in Stockholm, a spokesman of OPEC headquarters said yesterday.

Press officer Hamid Zaheri said: "We have asked the Swedish government for the meeting and they answered very kindly and from the affirmative."

While there was no official confirmation, observers here said some ministers apparently were reluctant to attend a conference Vienna where six terrorists seized OPEC headquarters in December 1975, taking nine of the hostages.

### Another jailbreak

MILAN, Italy. — Four convicted armed robbers escaped from a prison through a hole of gunfire Monday in Italy's ninth jailbreak this year.

The jailbreak raised to 40 number who escaped from 11 outdated, overcrowded and understaffed prisons this year. Jailbreakers numbered 399 last year — one every 24 hours on minutes.

### Strangler arrested

BRAUNSCHWEIG, West Germany. — Detectives arrested a man in connection with the strangling of a 15-year-old girl last week, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman said the man was arrested on suspicion of being a group of extortionists who were capped with \$68,750 after strangled the family.

Wolfgang Kraemer, a 46-year-old bank president, his wife Brigitte and three of their children were covered by police on Thursday night with belts around necks.

### Amin celebrates

KAMPALA. — President Idi Amin celebrated yesterday that guerrilla fighters must be driven out of the East to regain their rights. "The fire has been lit in the liberation struggle and will continue to burn," Amin said in a message marking the sixth anniversary of his accession to power in this landlocked East African nation.

## Saudia's royal family may split on succession

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR., The Los Angeles Times

RIYADH. — The health of Saudi Arabia's King Khaled is causing increasing concern here. The King is sick — that is commonly known. But how sick is another question.

The subject is delicate here, and information is hard to come by. The royal family does not broadcast problems considered to concern only the family.

Should ill health force Khaled to retire, or remove him from the scene, the royal hierarchy could be subject to new strains. Some observers believe the family is capable of effecting a smooth transition, as it did after the assassination of King Faisal two years ago.

But, as always in such matters, there is an element of uncertainty. In Saudi Arabia there is no tradition of primogeniture succession by the eldest son, and if the royal family were to split over succession, a serious political crisis could result.

King Khaled, believed to be 63 years old, is suffering from heart and circulatory ailments. Contrary to expectations, he appeared at the airport last Saturday to welcome French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

But Khaled was walking with a cane, and after greeting Giscard he departed, leaving the French President to review the honour guard with Crown Prince Fahd.

The huge Saudi royal family, which includes several thousand recognized princes, is an amorphous body with several broad tendencies that could surface if the King faded from the scene. The two basic strains are the traditionalists and the progressives.

Beyond them is a large group of princes who are the sons and grandsons of the late King Saud, deposed in a palace coup two decades ago. They are the odd men out today, an uncertain factor along with other



King Khaled

members of the royal family have gone into business or stayed out of politics. One of the sons of King Abdul Aziz, founder of the kingdom, is King Khaled's cousin and traditionalist.

King Khaled is counted among traditionalists. Perhaps the closest to him in the royal family is Abdullah, the commander of national guard.

The reformist wing of the family headed by Crown Prince Fahd, whom Khaled has turned government business and policymaking. He draws his support from his four brothers, three of whom are also princes.

They are known popularly as "Sudiry seven" and they are in the Defence Ministry, Prince Fahd and several brothers in other positions.

Fahd is a reformist, not so much in the special sense as in his court. He is said to play a role in Arab and international affairs. It was under his initiative the country has become an Arab power. He is said to be able for the decision to break other oil-exporting nations and the line on oil prices.

Classified advertisements for publication on Friday in Hebrew and English can be handed in any day to any approved advertising agency or directly to an office of Haluah Hakafui, so as to reach the main office of Haluah Hakafui by 5:30 p.m. this evening.

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**Six Argentines shot at road**

BUENOS AIRES. — Six Argentines were shot at on a road near the border with Brazil, police said today. The victims, who were traveling in a bus, were wounded but not seriously injured. The shooting occurred as the bus was passing through a wooded area. The police are investigating the incident and have not yet identified the shooters.

**Waldheim grants Assad's cooperation**

NICOSIA, Cyprus. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky today granted Syrian President Hafez Assad's request for a visa to visit Vienna. The visit is part of Assad's efforts to gain international recognition for the Syrian Arab Republic. Kreisky's decision was seen as a significant diplomatic move.

**Opec ministers choose Stockholm**

VIENNA. — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ministers today chose Stockholm as the venue for their annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for next month and will focus on oil production and pricing. The choice of Stockholm was announced after several days of deliberation.

**Another jailbreak**

MILAN, Italy. — A group of armed robbers broke out of a prison in Milan today, killing two guards and wounding several others. The robbers are believed to have taken a large sum of money and other valuables. Police are currently searching for the escapees.

**Strangler and a recent talk to a group of teachers**

BRAUNSCHWEIG. — A man known as the "Strangler of Braunschweig" was recently interviewed by a group of teachers. The man, who has been convicted of several murders, discussed his crimes and his current state of mind. The interview was a controversial event.

**Amin celebrates**

KAMPALA. — Ugandan President Idi Amin celebrated his birthday today with a large party in the capital. Amin, who is known for his authoritarian rule, was surrounded by family and friends. The celebration was a display of power and prestige.

**Jerusalem Kitchen / Sybil Zimmerman**

**Fruity foods**

King of fruits. The banana is known as the King of Fruits. It is a tropical fruit that is rich in potassium and fiber. Bananas are easy to eat and can be enjoyed in many different ways.

# The Jews of Bombay are disappearing

**REPORT FROM INDIA / Josefa Bat-Orin**

ears cleaned. Still another Indian, a bearded Sikh, consults a medicine man seated under one of the city's few trees.

A veiled Moslem matriarch in a sari stands before a glass of water from the water-wash. In one room store fronts, a tailor stitches a dhoti in a join cloth worn twisted into trousers, a scribe bangs out a letter on a rickety typewriter, and accountants seated on the floor in lotus position pour over ledgers.

Not far from the famous Magen David Synagogue grinning 50 agonized-hour prostitutes wait for potential clients in front of their "eggies."

Cars, buses, tiny taxis, horse-drawn victorias, and barefoot men pulling heavy wagon loads wait together at intersections for traffic lights to change.

This is the Bombay that the Indian Jews of Yerucham once described to me with such nostalgia and longing: the narrow island city with a population estimated in 1970 at six million, with 300 movie houses, dancing bears and awaying cobras, wild-eyed sadhus, cheap restaurants, and flashing neon signs.

It is not until the second or third day that I notice the city is faded, that old buildings are propped up with poles, and that in the backstreets of the modern commercial city which is the capital of Maharashtra State, are shanty towns without electricity, running water, or sewage: whole families living under a piece of plastic attached to a handy wall; people sleeping on rented beds in alleys or just stretched out on the street. Unfortunately it doesn't take long before

the poverty — which is constant, inescapable, assailing at every turn — begins to seem the same, and the foreigner, like the Indian, matter-of-factly accepts the horrid squalor and naked children.

The Jewish Agency emissary works out of a tiny low-visibility office in the back corner of the Jewish Club, which is located on the second floor of an unmarked building in a once Jewish, now Moslem, neighborhood. Jews have never accounted for even 1 per cent of the Indian masses, he tells me. At their most populous, — before Indian independence in 1947 and Israel's statehood in 1948 — they totalled 30,000 souls. Now, their numbers depleted by a large-scale emigration to Israel and the English-speaking countries of the West, there are perhaps 6000 Jews in India, the lowest drop in the vast sea of 600,000,000.

At least 90 per cent of the 6000 are the lower middle-class Bene Israel who reside in Bombay and in the villages of the nearby Konkan Coast. Ninety per cent of the 90 per cent are en route to Israel to join their friends and relatives who were also once lower-middle class Indians. The almost 400 people he annually sends to Israel make good citizens, says the shalish, not only because they are traditional Jews but because their standard of living so greatly improves. In fact, he maintains, the Israeli Bene Israel do most of the Jewish Agency's propaganda work in India — families who immigrated unable to pay their own fare return after two years in Israel as tourists with enough money to do a grand

**Dealing with minimal brain damage**

manifested occasionally, never makes a diagnosis — it is only habitual behaviour of many of the patterns which is of concern.

Now what happens after that heart-stopping conference where the teacher tells us that Dan can't read, doesn't pay attention and is an awful nuisance in class besides? The first step is a complete physical examination, including vision and hearing tests. (Even though the child hears, does he have a limited or interrupted hearing range? This is not the cause of his difficulty, but it is something to

keep in mind. The first is to keep the educational gap between Dan and his classmates from growing too great as they progress through the grades. For this, he is going to need skillful tutoring supplemented by short practice daily. These can be supervised by a parent or older sibling.

The second objective is to prevent the development of an emotional overlay which could become far more disabling than the current educational disability. Sometimes these goals seem mutually contradictory in that the extra lessons are a constant reminder of his difficulties, and the extra time and concentration are in themselves frustrating no matter how patient the tutoring.

Have faith. With intelligence, maturity and motivation, these youngsters achieve a great deal more than seems possible from the limited viewpoint of Grade 2. And above all, when you're at the end of your tether and fighting to maintain a calm, patient manner, just remember that it's Dan's problem, and he's fighting too.

**BRIDGE / George Levinrew**

**Battle for part score**

THE BATTLE for a part score can have a glory all its own. There is usually more glamour in the struggle for game or slam. But much may depend on the part score.

It will be easier in rubber bridge to compete for game when a part score has already been won. In top-bottom scoring in tournament bridge a part score counts as much as a slam in terms of match points won or lost.

Put yourself in the South seat in today's deal from a Jerusalem tournament.

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North: ♠ 10 9 8 7, ♥ A K Q, ♦ A K Q J, ♣ A K

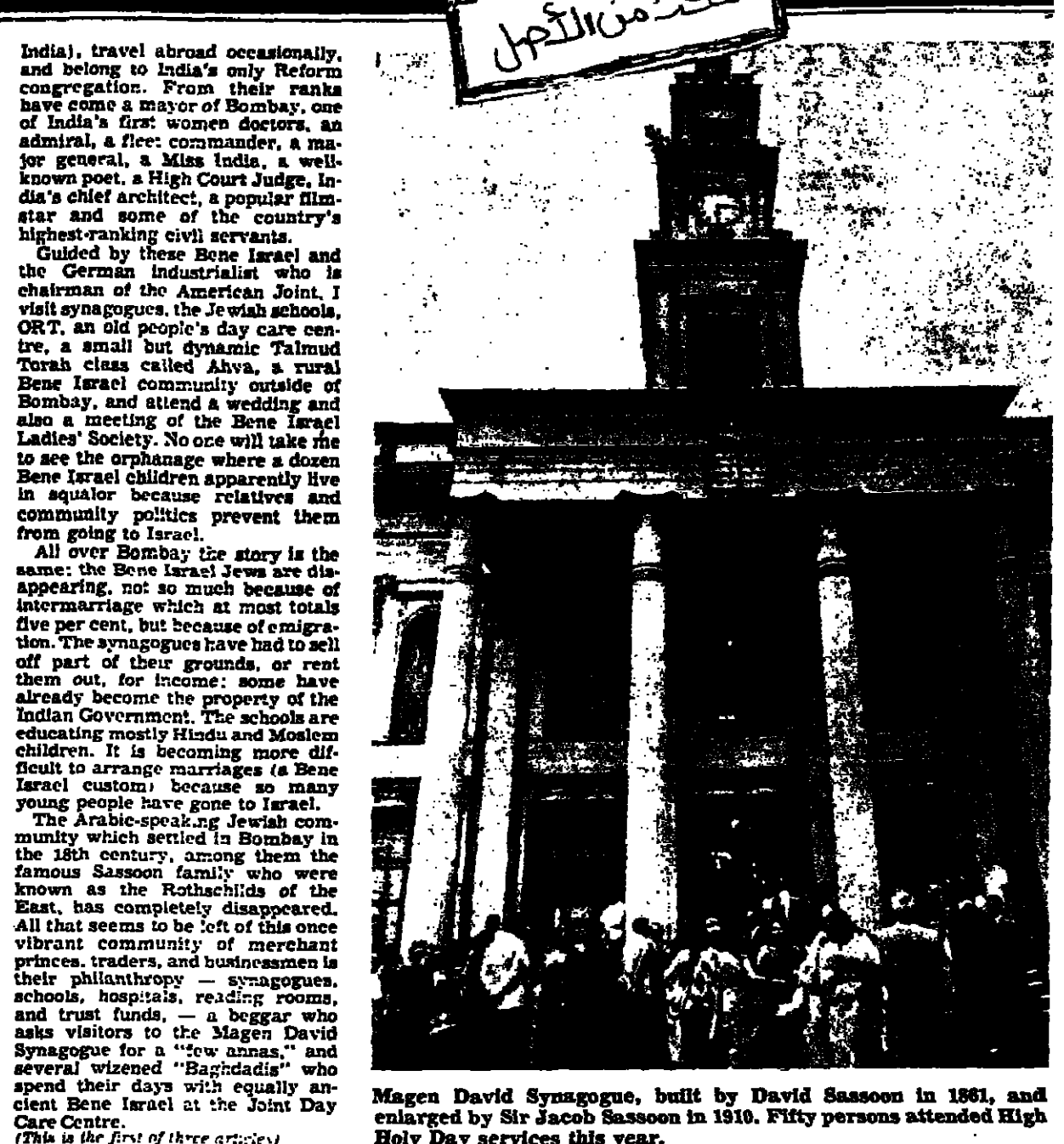
South (1): ♠ A K Q J, ♥ 7 6 5 4, ♦ 7 6 5, ♣ A K

The bidding: South West North East 1NT Dble Pass 2♣

All pass.

Opening lead: the club king.

South of course won the first trick. What can South infer from his hand and from the dummy? If declarer has only two hearts there is no way to prevent the diamond on a good heart in dummy. Plans for defence are therefore built on the



Magen David Synagogue, built by David Sassoon in 1861, and enlarged by Sir Jacob Sassoon in 1910. Fifty persons attended High Holy Day services this year.

**MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**New drug clinic lacks a doctor**

health centre. While there is opposition from some neighbours, Einstein said, others have volunteered to tutor the clients in basic language skills, to increase their chances of finding work.

The centre is staffed by five psychologists, a nurse and a lab technician, who took advantage of the delayed opening to train intensively together. Einstein, an American immigrant with 16 years of experience in the field, said he had only found doctors to fill in part-time to give

opiates during the treatment requires the participation of a doctor. The network of drug treatment centres will be expanded to include 11 centres over the next few years, according to Michael Riter, director of the drug programme in the ministry, and also on hand for the visit.

Riter, Einstein and Dr. Alexander Fallit, acting head psychiatrist in the ministry, all stressed the need for community cooperation in returning the drug user to a useful place in society. Job rehabilitation is an important step in the process — yet the Labour Ministry has so far refused to accept "addicts" in job-training programmes, Einstein said.

Shemtovov said he would work to find a doctor for the centre, increase volunteering and promote coordination with the Ministries of Welfare and Labour and with municipalities in developing this and other programmes.

**ROME AND PARIS FASHIONS / UPI, AP**

**The return of the knee — north of the Alps**

PARIS. — Knees long banished in Paris made a comeback in designer Pierre Cardin's spring-summer high fashion collection shown here on Monday.

Mini-dresses, in cottons for day and even black satin for evening, swamped the runway at the show for international buyers and press.

"Let's hope Cardin means this only for resort wear," murmured some of the fashion writers.

But even city dresses and suits ended at the top of the knee or just below. Only for city evenings did Cardin go back to longer lengths which many women are just getting used to. If the reaction of the fashion writers is any indication, women are not ready to start chopping their skirts short just yet.

The Cardin show again displayed the designer's extraordinary talent for so many years, one gives up trying to describe them. One theme was a slanted hemline dropping to a point on one side, or both sides or to several points. Some mini-dress hemlines ended at mid-thigh on one side and at the ankle on the other.

Cardin did "odd wonders with sleeves. For strapless long dresses he added open panels attached to the upper arm with a band. Other sleeves bared the shoulders or turned into floppy loose bands on the backs of evening gowns. Then there were cape-like sleeves, batwing sleeves ending at the hip, and other "non-sleeves" that turned into flowing panels or looked like long gloves.

Another theme was an ultra-wide band slightly below the waist on dresses or suit jackets.

Pure Cardin was a series of dresses cut miraculously on the bias to fall beautifully from a V-neckline. The audience also applauded a wide, divided knee-length skirt, like wide shorts, in stiff pumpkin orange linen with a red belt and pale yellow silk top.

The general silhouette was narrow below with baggy tops, cowl necklines, enormous sleeves and other top fulfills.

Designer Jean-Louis Scherrer's collection was not as dramatic as Cardin but wearable by all ages and sizes. Here is where fashion writers would shop if they could afford it.

Scherrer stuck to mid-calf hemlines for pleated full skirts with blazer jackets in navy and white. He showed pleated chiffon evening dresses in red or lime green.

While some Cardin gowns were in shocking or schiaparelli pink, the Schiaparelli show — designed by Serge Lepage — omitted the colour

from a small collection of evening clothes that was young as springtime, frankly modelled on Botticelli's Three Graces and Venus, complete with shiny vine-leaf wreaths and belts.

ITALIAN designers, who showed their collections last week, pulled every trick in the fashion bag in an attempt to set a trend.

Flounces travelled up and down chiffon floral prints and taffeta plaids, reminiscent of anything from debutante balls to Rio carnival. Spanish boleros mingled with beer-hall leered corsets. Fur-trimmed, mother blouses paraded arm-in-arm with chiffon see-throughs and black lace bloomers.

The only constant was the hemline — from the bottom of the knee downwards.

"Anything is permissible in high fashion," said Rome designer Capucci, whose 1977 collection was hailed as the best in high fashion creativity.

High fashion also pays dividends. Although the buyers have dwindled, preferring the more accessible ready-to-wear collections, the promotional aspects of high fashion help to advertise the fashion industry as a whole. The beauty of a silk chiffon unveiled in high fashion at \$5 dollars a yard helps to sell a cheaper series of Italian fabrics.

The private clientele is not dead — just shifting. As the wealthy American woman is looking more and more to her home country designers to dress her, the Arab woman is steadily unveiling and using her petrodollars to turn out in the latest high fashion model from Paris or Rome.

"We have to alter the dipping necklines and sleeveless arms to their traditionally restrained tastes. But they love our fabrics and designs," said Galliano, who dresses the daughter of King Khaled of Saudi Arabia.

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The Schubert Impromptus exemplified this attitude in a beautiful way: every phrase was well rounded, the continuity of the singing line combined with perfect tonal balance of all the notes; transitions came over absolutely naturally, and the tempi seemed always right. His collaboration with the wind instruments in the Mozart Quintet was between the partners, neither trying to dominate the other, which brought out all the beauty of this lovely work.

The Lesser Quintet (Shoham, Thorne, Leiser, Rimmon, Rechtman) maintains its standard of perfection, with a more varied approach to tonal balance and musical attitude leads to performances of high integrity and delight.

tists from the tension of their reading of the Mozart Trio. If only attack and dynamics could be controlled — a trio should not be made to sound like an orchestra, and *fortissimo* has several

degrees of loudness, with an optimum limit.

Pianist Felix Dorevianko has added flexibility and shading-of-touch to his playing which has considerable interactive value. Colleague Mark Drabinsky is a fine instrumentalist though providing beautiful phrases, though he is seemingly still in the process of intense search for a balanced articulation. Dora Schwartzberg's large tone has been replaced by restrained volume, but what is lamentable is her uneven and inconsistent phrasing which, in music like that of Mozart and Schubert, makes these shortcomings even more obvious and regrettable considering the enormous technical resources at her command.

Perhaps, the Trio should concentrate on works suited to their musical inclinations and wait with the classical repertoire until they have achieved a more open attitude with wider horizons.

Despite the drop in participants

The fruit pickers pay their fare and work as volunteers in the fields for nearly two months. The World Zionist Organisation's Youth and Hehalutz Department, which has sponsored the operation since the Yom Kippur War, will take them on a tour of the country and invite them to a special entertainment evening in Jerusalem.

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# Stocks continue rally

Index-linked bonds rally yesterday for the first time in a row. The relatively high volume accompanying the move is more of a nature than a reversal of the trend which has been prices

long-term 3,000 series good advance on the order of 1.5 per cent. The 6.5 per cent bonds were ahead by 1.5 per cent. Optional bonds of 1.5 per cent, on the other hand, were down 1.5 per cent. The rally in the investment dollar bonds was only in the most narrow range. In contrast to the bond market, there was no rush for the stock market, but it would appear that a bullish sentiment is some news to stimulate the market.

The mortgage banks the group showed losses on the order of 1.5 points. The KLM 526 shares were all lower as the group was affected by the downward trend.

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shares lost 20 to 320. The explanation for the opposite directions taken by the two shares is that there is a very thin float of the ILI shares.

Real estate houses were mixed without any major movements in the group.

Among the industrial shares such as Neco and Argaman, recent strong rises, ended yesterday. Teva (b) was "buyers only" and the price was established at 1,710. Asis, on the other hand, lost 20 to 218. Polygon continued to slip as it eased by 5 to 204.

In the investment companies, central bank was 45 ahead at 725. Paz lost 12 to 621.

The investment company shares of the big three banks all suffered reverses. Leumi was down 20, Discount 5 and Hapoalim 3.

Jordan exploration shares edged higher by 35 points to 1,850.

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The Jordan River, swollen by heavy rains during the past few weeks, pours water into the northern end of Lake Kinneret, which is at its highest level in three years. (IPPA)

## Tidbits from the Budget

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
★ Our 120 Knesset members are not expensive: their average gross salary, including per diem, comes to IL1,145 per month. Compared with what is being paid nowadays to bank branch managers, bus drivers, etc.

★ The Treasury's economic services in the U.S. will in 1977 cost the taxpayer IL20.5 million, which is IL11m. more than last year, or an increase of 61.3 per cent. This must reflect either an inflation of activities, or an inflation of costs in the U.S. for it is certainly higher than our inflation here.

★ In addition to the Treasury's economic services, we also have the Investment Authority's offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and The Hague, Netherlands. Together, they will cost IL11m. — nearly IL5m. more than last year. Even an office with only one employee will cost 53 per cent more than last year. This proves the Treasury is indeed restraining domestic salaries and consumption. Abroad it is a different story, it seems.

★ The cost of pensions for retired civil servants has gone up by a whopping 54 per cent and now comes to IL14m. compared with IL9.4m. in 1976. IL18m. of this is pensions paid to retired military men. Only IL2.8m. are paid to 36 retired ministers including their relatives and another IL7.3m. to 32 former Knesset members — indicating what we knew all along — that the turnover in the army is much higher than in government or in the Knesset.

★ Out of the IL122.5b. budget, there is also a modest provision for a national park, under the heading "investments in public enterprises." It amounts to the generous sum of IL2m. It is not clear whether this is for a tree park, a car park or a bicycle park. Must be the latter, for what can you buy for IL2m?

★ The elections and party financing for 1977 will cost the taxpayer IL14m. Each Knesset member will, of course, cost more than a million, but per capita the cost of re-electing most of the same will be no more than about IL40. Not expensive, after all, for the upkeep of democracy.

★ The administrative expenditures of the Ministry of the Interior will hardly be a shining example of economizing in this year of stringency. Its budget shot up by 58 per cent in 1976 and marches on undaunted by Mr. Rabinowitz' tight-fisted policy. In 1977 the Ministry will again spend 58 per cent more.

One must remember that the budget was drafted before the NRP ministers were invited out of the government. Looking at the small print of the budget, one sees that the Ministry of the Interior must be very forward-looking: its expenditures on research and professional counselling, which had nearly tripled in 1976, will more than double in 1977, and come to IL2 million.

The Ministry will also spend twice as much as last year on publications and publicity. We have found no cut

in expenditure anywhere — certainly not nominal, but also not in real terms.

★ The dynamism of the Ministry of the Interior is also reflected in the fact that the physical planning of the country will in 1977 cost us 2.3 times as much as last year. We shall spend IL17m. instead of IL7.3m. last year. At long last, we shall begin to spend some real money on the service dealing with quality of the environment: IL5.3m. instead of IL2.4m. last year. This may finally yield some visible results, for until now we hardly knew that such a service existed.

★ According to data quoted in the budget, 25 million cubic metres of water are lost annually in 12 towns and cities where such losses, through faulty pipelines, exceed 10 per cent. The list of cities includes Tel Aviv, Beersheba, Ashdod, and Ashkelon. It does not include Haifa and Jerusalem, where losses are apparently below 10 per cent.

★ The value of the water lost in the country as a whole is probably more than IL180m.

★ It will cost us IL121m. in 1977 to keep prisoners from the occupied areas in jail — up 49 per cent from 1976. The increase is, however, less than that of keeping Israeli prisoners behind bars. That cost will rise from IL65m. to IL100m.

★ Not much will be spent on improving the lock-ups, with nearly all the money allocated for that purpose, IL3.5 out of IL4m. going for the lock-up at Kishon, Haifa. One notable expenditure is the establishment of separate wings for juvenile delinquents, which will cost IL4m. Nothing was spent on that until now.

★ Some interesting statistics on crime and allied subjects: 242 traffic offences were committed in 1976 per 1000 population. We had 70 crimes and misdemeanors per 1000, more than in any of the past ten years. In absolute figures, we had in 1976, 180,000 crimes, 68,000 felonies, 44,000 misdemeanors. 2,447 people died under circumstances which required police investigation, 6,988 people dis-

appeared. Traffic tickets came to 843,000. 88,000 people were arrested for criminal offences and 116,000 arrests were for non-payment of debts. Of the 96,000 traffic offenders who were convicted in 1975, only seven went to jail and 61 got suspended sentences. 2,713 had their licenses suspended for various periods. 57,000 got away with a fine.

★ The biggest increase is for our representation abroad. Instead of IL216m. last year, our embassies and consulates will cost us IL330m. in 1977. In addition, we shall pay IL85m. for information services, 40 per cent more than in 1976. Actually, the direct cost of our diplomatic representation abroad will go up from IL37m. to IL214m. The cost of protecting our representatives will come to IL70 million.

★ The truth is, of course, that more was spent last year than originally provided for in the budget. Assuming that the Government will stick to its budget this year, which one has little reason to do, the increases will not be as sharp.

★ All in all, we have 78 resident representations abroad. That includes Haiti and the Dominican Republic. It does not include Barbados, Curacao and Iceland, for example, where we have no resident. In Gibraltar, luckily, we have an Honorary Consul.

## Saudis earning extra \$500m. monthly from 'cheaper' oil prices

RIYADH. — Oil production and price boosts by Saudi Arabia will result in extra income of about \$500m. a month over the first quarter of this year, private and business sources here say.

But they caution it is far too early to predict whether the split in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will result in a price war. Most informed sources here believe things will not get that far.

Industry and government officials here say market demand will determine exactly how much more of its cheaper oil Saudi Arabia produces, and consequently how much the other Opec members may suffer.

The rate of recovery of Western economies, the harshness of the current winter and previous stockpiling by companies serve to faze the picture, the sources say.

But there is a consensus in industry and business circles here that Saudi Arabia will be able to market virtually all of its extra production, expected to average an extra million barrels a day through the end of March.

This average extra million, magnified by a price boost of 57 cents a barrel for all its production, makes an additional income of about \$494.7m. a month, the sources say.

Saudi Arabia was already averaging a surplus income of between \$1.2b. and \$1.3b. per month in 1976, economic sources said. This is money that was not spent and served

to swell the country's reserves, as the additional income will.

The split within Opec was precipitated when Saudi Arabia and its ally, the United Arab Emirates, raised prices by five per cent at a meeting in December. The other 11 members of the cartel boosted prices by 10 per cent, and plan to add another five per cent in July.

Saudi Arabia and the emirates together accounted for about a third of Opec production in November, which was then running at 33 million barrels a day. But the Emirates' potential for growth is very small compared to Saudi Arabia's.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani has said production, now running at an average of over nine million barrels a day, will be boosted to 10 million barrels a day through the end of March. A decision on further increases, if required, will be made then, he has said.

The other Opec states are expected to experience a drop in production because of stockpiling by companies before the price boost. The two factors, Yamani has said, could result in a drop in the production of the 11 of some 25 per cent.

Although Yamani has never used the term "price war," the implication of some of his statements was that the other 11 Opec members will have to lower their prices — and thus make their oil more attractive — or face a loss of income due to sharp drops in production. (AP)

## Prospects for recovery

By DAVID KRIVINE, Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

NOW THAT a corpus of authoritative statistics is available, in the National Budget released Monday, about the economic performance in Israel during 1976, it is possible to step back a pace and look at the scene in perspective. What kind of a year was it?

Was it a bad twelve months, with output almost static, consumption not much better and investment down by 15 per cent? Or was it, as the Finance Minister's spokesman on economic affairs, Ephraim Dovrat, put it on Monday, an "outstandingly successful year?"

A Treasury source pointed out that the question to ask is not just whether the economy has grown, but whether it has grown in the right places.

The Israeli economy did not expand appreciably, but within that dormant situation, the shape of the economy has been changed. Domestic industries (notably housing) shrank, whereas the volume of exports increased — and substantially. Foreign sales (goods and services) rose in 1976 by \$600m., which involved the employment of 10,000 additional workers in export industries, some new to the labour force, some previously employed in activities serving the home market.

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## Favourite sons

THE 92 per cent of the population who are not members of a Moshav or a Kibbutz probably did not know until now that the children and grandchildren of the pioneers are favourite sons indeed. However rich the fathers may have become, the sons still get their secondary education at about half the cost that urban taxpayers have to pay. Three quarters of these taxpayers are, of course, fellow-members of the working class who enjoy no tax deductions or other liberal subsidies.

It has been known for a long time that our Kibbutzim and Moshavim are probably the most highly subsidized segment of the population. This was perhaps fully justified in the past. But today continuation of this system undermines many of the values for which these people stand.

Thus, for example, our producers of food generally take care to sell their products to their own marketing organizations and then to buy them back for their own consumption at lower, subsidized prices. Legally, they are within their rights, for we have not yet changed over from a system of subsidizing the product to one of assisting, where necessary, the consumer.

It is also well known that the level of education in our agricultural society, and particularly in the Kibbutzim, is of a very high level. This is as it should be and reflects the high value which the Kibbutzim put on education and culture. But that must be seen in a new light when it emerges that most of it is subsidized by the taxpayers.

It turns out that for years this has been the case even for Moshavim and Kibbutzim who have become affluent, including some where each individual member may be considered a millionaire.

In absolute magnitude, the problem is probably not large. It may affect some 10 per cent of the high school student population and even among those there are many who would be entitled to free tuition or high rebates by any criterion now applied. From the ethical viewpoint, however, it would be well if those who rush to meetings or elsewhere to call for a revival of values and other laudable things would take a closer look at what the technocrats in their own secretariats have managed to extract from the public purse.

It is just possible that these well-meaning people are not even aware of what goes on in their own backyards.

At a time when the public is called upon to accept austerity, it is intolerable that even the long-established and wealthiest Kibbutzim should enjoy rebates of no less than 42 per cent, while even middle-income tax parents have to bear the full burden of education fees.

There is no point in blaming the Kibbutzim and Moshavim for trying to perpetuate their status as favourite sons beyond their admittedly just deserts. They try to get what they can. For the general public the address for protest is the Ministry of Education and the Treasury, who should do away with this as well as other unnecessary, irrational and unjust subsidies.

## POSTSCRIPTS



MK Werdliger, right, presents drawing to the Prime Minister (Rahamim Yisraeli)

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin has had a couple of opportunities lately to see himself as others see him. Had he been Robby Burns, this would have pleased him.

First he was presented with a bust of himself sculpted by Danny Kahri. Now he has been given a drawing made of him by Knesset Member Avraham Werdliger of Poalei Agudat Israel. The portrait is unusual, not so much because it is the work of an ultra-religious man, but because it was sketched by Mr. Werdliger during idle moments in the Knesset.

Presumably, most MKs doodle while listening to endless and repetitive speeches, but not all the doodles turn out to be full-blown portraits. *Kol hakavod*, to the artist-parliamentarian.

KNOWING the hobbies and habits of men who make the news can be comforting, because it often cuts them down to life-size. We should therefore be grateful to "Events," the Arab magazine appearing in London, which has now published a survey of the leisure habits of some of our neighbours.

Israelis, of course, all know that King Hussein loves flying and motor racing—we have often seen him indulging in these passions on Jordan TV. Now we learn that he has organized an annual Amman-Aqaba

Grand Prix and that Assad shares his love of piloting his own plane.

King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, his brothers and most of the Gulf States potentates adore falconry. The favourite leisure "activity" of Sheikh Khalifa of Qatar is retiring into the jumbo-sized tent full of Persian rugs and silken cushions that he has built in his palace courtyard. Iraqi strong-man Saddam Hussein is "passionately keen" on neckties and changes them twice a day from his unrivaled, mostly Parisian collection (does he hide them under his abaya? what a pity, if so).

King Hassan of Morocco is a keen polo player, so much so that his Cabinet ministers often have to take state papers to the polo-ground for him to sign at half-time. President Assad is a film fan (as was Nasser who used to have four private film shows a week — mostly cowboy pictures — at his home), but Assad is "equally fond of poetry, literature and the arts in general". Anwar Sadat's hobby is writing and he keeps daily records for his future memoirs.

Too bad none of them play tennis. On the other hand, our potential prime ministers might start taking an interest in some of the leisure habits mentioned above. It could come in useful when peace comes. M.S.

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AT ALL HOTELS

# Bar-Lev's false start

MINISTER OF COMMERCE and Industry Bar-Lev, head of the Alignment's election campaign committee, told a press conference Monday that the Alignment's poor image is due to the fact that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was not trained for the job but trained on it. The Cabinet and its members paid considerably for their basic training.

Mr. Bar-Lev also added that the key posts in the Rabin Government were entrusted to men who were new to the Cabinet or to their specific post, namely Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

So much for the facts — or at least half of them. While Mr. Bar-Lev could not be more embarrassingly right in regard to Rabin and Rabinowitz and their lack of training and background for their jobs, he is overlooking it when he attempts to lump in Peres and Allon into the argument. Mr. Peres actually ran the Ministry of Defence for 12 years as Director-General or Deputy Minister under Ben-Gurion, Lavon and Eshkol. It is hard to imagine any better training for the full Ministerial job.

Mr. Allon devoted thought to, been involved in, and written books

about Israel's foreign affairs since his days at Oxford in the early 1960s. His interest in foreign affairs has been the whole point of his otherwise unexplained insistence on serving as Deputy Prime Minister in addition to being Minister of Education in the Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir governments.

Mr. Bar-Lev was wrong on one other crucial point: it was the country and not only "the Cabinet and its members" who paid considerably for the basic training of the new Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers installed in the wake of Golda Meir's resignation in the spring of 1974.

The Alignment's election campaign head should also be faulted on tactical grounds. There is current unanimity in the Labour Party, both among Rabin and Peres supporters, of the urgent need for a far-going face-lifting in the leadership team it will field in the elections. How is this going to jibe with a view that seems to imply that now that the Alignment's neophyte leaders have completed their expensive basic training it would be folly to replace them with new untrained hands.

The answer is that it doesn't, because Mr. Bar-Lev's basic conception of what being a Prime Minister

or Minister is all about is wrong. The problem with the Rabin Government has not been that its members were not up to grasping the details needed to manage their ministries due to lack of training. The difficulty rather, was in their inability to provide leadership to a political team and to a war-shocked nation.

Although it was only less than three years ago, one must go back to the time when the Labour Party's team of "untrained" neophyte Ministers was selected to replace the Old Guard of the Golda Meir cabinet, to place what has happened since in context.

Rabin was number 20 on the Alignment's list to the Knesset and Minister of Labour in Golda Meir's ill-fated Cabinet — with her grudging consent — when he was plucked out of the ranks to become Prime Minister. There were two major reasons for this choice, besides the patronage of the late Mr. Sapir and the Old Guard who feared the alter-ego of Peres. Rabin was also intelligent enough to persist in not being identified with any wing of the party or any partisan stand on the issues which divided it.

This combination of historic luck and tactical cleverness was sufficient for Rabin to defeat party

The Alignment's election campaign chief gotten off to a poor start in trying to improve image of the Rabin Government argues YOS GOELL.

veteran Peres at a traumatic time when the party's predominant leaders — Dayan and Allon, to mention only two — had effectively cancelled themselves out of the race. What was good for an electoral fluke, however, has proven to be inadequate for piling up a record on which to run for re-election. Three years later it is still impossible to know what Rabin is for and what he is against, and more important, what he is willing and politically capable of fighting for, to the end.

As to Mr. Rabinowitz. In all fairness it should be remembered that he was not Rabin's first choice for the Finance Ministry nor did he take the post willingly after negotiations with Ya'acov Levinson of Bank Hapoalim fell through. Throughout the latter part of 1974 and early 1975 Treasury officials were reported to be considerably impressed with Mr. Rabinowitz' diligence in getting a grasp on the problems he and his Ministry had to contend with and with his determination to "de-Sapirize" the economy. The problem was not in the Finance Minister's inability to learn; it was in his political and personal inability to cut through the Gordian knots which had, over the years, paralysed

the fields of taxation, labour relations and income policy, and economy as a whole.

To advance the argument, Bar-Lev seems to have done personal experience was a root of Labour Alignment's image is treading on dangerous ground. For it is tantamount to admitting that Labour had no better to offer in 1974, and only hardly claim that Rabin Rabinowitz, who took office as an overflying of public goodwill any better in 1977 than they 1974.

Mr. Bar-Lev's argument, for ingenuousness, is perhaps an example of his own inexperience in election campaigns. He chosen to kick it off by referring Labour's weakest point — domestic record of the Government. So, it should be the drawing board for Mr. Bar-Lev and his campaign staff, to come with more persuasive arguments.

Certainly Rabin's performance in foreign affairs and the discouragement of the Begin and oppositions on both foreign domestic matters should improve fertile fields for Alignment's campaign effort

## READERS' LETTERS

### BABIES VACCINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the interview of Professor Daniel Cohen of the Beersheba Medical School on the subject of rabies (December 31), it is stated that "in 1974, Israel reported serious reaction in 487 treatments" (of rabies vaccine). According to our figures, there were indeed 487 treatments in 1974, but only three cases of serious reactions to the vaccine were reported.

DR. T. SCHWARTZ,  
Chief Epidemiologist,  
Ministry of Health  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — In my article of December 31, unfortunately, due to a typographical error, the number was omitted in the paragraph discussing serious reactions to rabies vaccine. There were of course only three reactions and two systemic allergic reactions reported out of a total of 487 vaccinations given in 1974. The paralytic reaction is a serious problem associated with the utilization of vaccines of nerve tissue origin which is the type most frequently used in Israel today.

From 1960 to 1974 Israel reported a total of 17 paralytic reactions out of 11,890 persons who at least started the Pasteur treatment, or one reaction per 700 persons vaccinated. This is a very high ratio even for this type of vaccine, for we generally observe only one reaction per 3,000-10,000 vaccinations in other parts of the world.

Nerve tissue vaccines have been totally replaced in the United States by a safer vaccine of duck embryo origin (which is available, but less frequently used in Israel). While it has sometimes been argued that the nerve tissue vaccines are more effective and should, therefore, be used despite their greater risk of serious reactions, recent data reported by the U.S. Public Health Service (Mortality Weekly Report, December 31, 1976), shows this is not the case. There is thus no justification for the continued use of nerve tissue vaccines in Israel today where they are frequently given to persons who may have only been indirectly exposed to rabies, or in some cases, to persons exposed only to vaguely suspect animals which cannot be apprehended.

I have also been informed by the Chief Veterinarian of the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Shimshoni, that while the quarantine laws which I have mentioned concerning dogs exposed to the bite of a rabid animal were formerly correct, they have been recently changed and made more stringent and now read as follows: 1. If a vaccinated dog has been exposed to the bite of a rabid animal, it is recommended that he be put to sleep or be vaccinated and quarantined for six months. 2. If the bitten dog was not vaccinated, then it is immediately destroyed. They therefore urge that all dogs be vaccinated throughout the country so that their owner may have an option to save their exposed pet.

PROFESSOR DANIEL COHEN,  
Centre for Health Sciences  
Ben Gurion University  
Beersheba.

### THE RONEL LAW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The following is a direct quotation of the first two paragraphs of a news report which appeared in The Jerusalem Post:

"The 'Ronel Law' to protect foreign investors from the effects of creeping devaluations will be submitted to the Knesset within a week or two, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told members of the Commercial and Industrial Club here on Friday."

"Rabinowitz, who spoke with cautious optimism about the future, went out of his way several times to attack those who 'go around spreading pessimism'."

The article in question appeared in your issue dated October 31, 1976. In reliance both on the statement of the Minister of Finance and on the accuracy of your reporting, I advised some foreign investors that the

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Please allow me to express my admiration for David Krivine's excellent exposure of the deliberate mis-statements contained in the letter to the London "Times" by the Very Rev. G. Olive Handford, Dean of St. George's Anglican Church, Jerusalem (January 18).

What, in my view, is even more disgusting than actual untruths, is the smirk of self-satisfaction and holy humbug that pervades his letter. Will His Reverence, out of respect for his cloth, now have the decency to write to "Times" and retract his false accusations?

LAWRENCE ELYAN  
Nahariya.

Sir, — David Krivine's reply to the letter of the Very Rev. G. Olive Handford, Dean of St. George's Anglican Church, Jerusalem, is a complete vindication of the Israeli authorities in regard to the eviction of the three Arab families.

It is a great pity that public per-

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sions of the Dean's eminence do not verify the facts before rushing to write to the prestigious London "Times". I was further most concerned to read in the "Times" that the Dean had gone to the trouble of obtaining the address names of some prominent Britons to endorse his libellous strictures.

Surely we may expect a higher standard from persons of the Church who must be well aware that the causing of "groundless hatred" is to be avoided at all costs in the interests of co-existence and harmony.

HARRY FLETCHER  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — What about real Christian justice? Surely followers of Jesus of Nazareth should be able to see and stand for the truth. It seems that, in some quarters, the Jews and Israel can do nothing right.

WIDAD VAN DER HOEVEN (Mrs.)  
An Arab Christian  
Jerusalem.

### MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am writing to you to express my appreciation to the Dr. Philip Morgenstern's article, "Drive-in Dental care" (January 4).

Ex-South African dentists in Israel are a small but influential and highly regarded section of the Israeli dental fraternity. They are personally well known to each other, and none of them would object if one fact in Joseph Morgenstern's article were corrected.

The man who conceived the idea and convinced the Army Medical Corps to mobilize the mobile dental

clinic, who supervised equipping the clinic, who front-lined duty and who commanded the unit for more than three months during and after the Yom Kippur War, was an Israeli qualified dentist who, as a boy, arrived in Israel with Youth Aliya, a refugee from post-war Europe.

To this man, Rav-Seren (res.) A. Begleiter, many thousands of soldiers owe thanks for their dental treatment during and after the war.

Donated Surgeon  
(Name and address supplied.)  
Netanya.

### TREAT TOURISTS BETTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Tourism is essential to the economy of Israel and I am agast that most hotels I visited are so lax, ill-equipped and unconcerned. Fortunately, I stayed at the Tel Aviv Hilton and the Jerusalem Hilton, so I know that there is some hope that future tourists will taste courtesy — the honey of the land.

The greatness that is Israel, its history and its people is the reason we come to the Holy Land. Please encourage us to return. Please send us home with a taste of honey to inspire others to follow. A smile of honest warmth; an answer softly given to an ignorant (not stupid) question; a kind helpful suggestion, and the beer will help pollinate the land of the birth of belief. You need us. We need you. Greet us and treat us a little better, please.

AVI DON  
Jerusalem (New York).

### ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I cannot help reflecting on the paradox of politicians seeking electoral reform in Israel to approximate to the British constituency system of elections, while in Britain, a growing number would like to convert to that of proportional representation. These are to be found not only in the British Labour Party, which in the 1974 General Election obtained over 5 million votes with only 13 seats in a 630-seat House of Commons, but also among those who favour devolution of power to Scotland and Wales with their own elected Assemblies.

Britain's Labour Government has at present a majority of one over all

five opposition parties and the headaches this presents to the Whips are not much less than those of the Israel Labour Party and her coalition partners. Admittedly, the British opposition parties seldom combine to overthrow the government, but when they do, as in the case of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Nationalisation Bill last April, they all but succeed due to the technical parliamentary device known as "pairing."

Perhaps both Israel and Britain can learn from each other's electoral experiences to their mutual advantage.

PERCY GOURGEY  
Jerusalem.

### "NOT PROVEN"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his letter of January 12, Louis Rabinowitz takes exception to the Prime Minister's "Declaration of Innocence" of the late Avraham Ofer and compares the situation with the "case of a verdict which exists in Scottish law — Not Proven."

This comparison is misleading. A verdict of "Not Proven" in Scottish law is preceded by a trial in a competent court and the verdict constitutes the judgment.

According to the report recently submitted by the Attorney General, there were no court proceedings, nor was an inquiry instituted; all that occurred was the police looked into a complaint presented by a reporter and examined contents in order to decide whether the institution of an official inquiry was warranted. Thus, the Scottish "Not Proven" does not apply here.

ITZHAQ OLSHAN  
Jerusalem.

### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the wake of the tragic demise of the Housing Minister Ofer, Israel's government circles, as well as a considerable segment of public opinion have been imbued with a feeling of emotionalism and recrimination, instead of a rational examination of the cause of this lamentable event.

An accusing finger is pointed at the press and radio, and proposals have been advanced to curb their freedom by appropriate legislation. I believe that any step in this direction would constitute a real danger to the very essence of Israel's democracy. A free press is fundamental to a democratic order.

In this respect, Israel has to learn from the experience of an older democracy, the United States, which weathered many political crises, including the recent Watergate upheaval, mainly because a free,

courageous press disclosed wrongdoing and fought its elimination.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution, prohibiting Congress from passing laws "abridging freedom of speech, or of the press" served this great democracy in stead and is just as valid today as it was 200 years ago. Perhaps should follow this example, a principle of a free press should be secured in a Basic Law.

Excesses on the part of the press which may exist in Israel, as in other democracies, could be dealt with by more stringent libel and contempt laws, as well as by a self-policing ethical code of media itself, but not by restrictive legislation.

REUBEN EF  
Jerusalem.

### JEWISH WOMEN LIBBERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a Jewish Zionist born into a Zionist family, and a vehement antagonist of Women's Lib and the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, I feel compelled to state my opinion that our G-d given sex roles be respected.

For me, a woman whose daughter made aliya some three years ago thought that a woman rabbi will or may some day be in the pulpit in the Holy Land, makes me feel physically ill. Is there a shortage of male rabbis that women have to invade that function also? What next?

The utterly ridiculous lengths some Women Libbers of our religion go to, have included sewing jackets with zitzit and participating in a monthly women's minyan. The latest excitement of one such woman is the thought of becoming the first woman mohel.

A woman has many attributes given to men, among them the motherhood, the rearing of child, the creation of the citizen tomorrow. Therefore a woman exempt from many of the commandments.

I write this to the Holy Land because it is my conviction that only "Shall out of Zion go forth Law," but also the example.

Instead of upgrading mother we have doomed parenthood; have an outsider taking care of children and this is a poor surrogate. We wonder why children turn to cults and drug other formulas which they feel give them "love."

There is no dayenu for Women Libbers who are causing a sickly town. Women have indeed become our worst enemies.

(MRS.) BERTHA JAI  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### MUNICH HOSPITALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mrs. Kidron writes that not only Berlin but also the city of Dortmund has for many years invited former Jewish citizens as its guests (January 7). I may add that the city of Munich has done so — and is continuing to do so — since 1959. Like Cologne, Munich pioneered in exchanging students and teachers with

Israel and every year dozens of come as guests to the city and its surrounding mountains.

At present, Munich is preparing large Israel Cultural Week and inviting artists, writers, musicians and so on, to present their talents to the Munich population.

DE. HANS L. ...  
Munich.

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